

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application, of which claims 1-10 have been amended.

No new claims have been added.

Fig. 10 has been labeled as "Prior Art".

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over JP 2000-106657 to Kono et al. (hereinafter "**Kono et al.**") in view of JP 57-1888184 to Fukushima (hereinafter "**Fukushima et al.**").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Kono et al. discloses television/radio receiving equipment having a selecting means 23 for selecting whether or not to acquire the link data which shows whether or not the same contents are broadcast by television and radio programs.

The Examiner has admitted that **Kono et al.** fails to disclose that the linking information is displayed as video, but has cited **Fukushima et al.** for teaching this feature.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. **Fukushima et al.** discloses a TV receiver incorporating an audio multiplex demodulation circuit 10. When a duplex audio broadcast is received, for example, an audio intermediate frequency signal is applied to an audio multiplex demodulation circuit 10 via an amplification/detection circuit 9, and an introduced control signal illuminates a duplex audio display light emitting diode 14, and a light emitting diode 16' of a photo coupler 16 is illuminated, and a control signal is applied to a character signal generating circuit 18 with isolation to the chassis of a TV receiver. As a result, the character "Duplex" is displayed on a

part of the screen superimposingly on a TV video signal via a video amplifying circuit 4 introducing a character display signal.

Thus, Fukushima et al. only discloses display of "Duplex" representing the status of the audio signal as a duplex signal. No information about linking is provided.

It should be noted that Kono et al. discloses a television/radio receiving equipment in which a user can automatically listen to the sounds of the same broadcasting contents as television broadcasting by the radio broadcasting receiving means while watching the image of the television broadcasting by the television broadcasting receiving means. The television/radio receiving equipment of Kono et al. has an external information device storing the information showing whether or not the same contents are broadcasted by television and radio programs.

The television/radio receiving equipment of Kono et al. displays an image of the television program on an image display and outputs a sound of the radio program from a speaker.

Fukushima et al. discloses that a control signal provided from the multiplex demodulation circuit in receiving dual broadcasting or stereophonic broadcasting is fed to a character generator, a character display signal obtained by the character generator is superimposed on the television video signal and fed to a cathode-ray tube, and a receiving state of dual broadcasting or stereophonic broadcasting is displayed on the cathode-ray tube.

In contrast, in the present invention, a selected video signal, a selected program link information and a selected sound signal are combined to be displayed and output.

In the present invention, it is necessary to combine the video signal and the program link information in order to display the video signal and the program link information on the display device. Claims 1-10 have been amended to clarify this distinction.

The television/radio receiving equipment of **Kono et al.** applies the image signal of the television program and the sound signal of the radio program to the image display and the speaker, separately. In **Kono et al.**, the selected image signal and the selected program link information are not combined for display. Therefore, the television/radio receiving equipment of **Kono et al.** does not need to have the configuration corresponding to the combiner of the present invention.

Also, **Fukushima et al.** does not disclose that the video signal and the program link information are arbitrarily selected respectively and the selected video signal and the selected program link information are combined for display.

Thus, neither **Kono et al.** nor **Fukushima et al.** teaches or suggests combining the arbitrarily selected video signal and program link information for display and the configuration for the combiner that combines the arbitrarily selected video signal and program link information, as in the present invention.

Thus, the 35 USC §103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-9 and 11-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant respectfully defers this action until a FINAL Office Action, if any, is received.

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In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-15, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Substitute Abstract of the Disclosure

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 10. This sheet, which includes Fig. 10, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 10. Fig. 10 has been labeled as "Prior Art".